



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in
3 Tampico, the first American President born in Illinois; as a
4 youth, he worked as a lifeguard at Lowell Park in Dixon, and he
5 graduated from Eureka College in Eureka; and

6 WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble
7 background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and
8 advancing the public good, having been employed as an
9 entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of
10 California, and President of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction
12 for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of
13 America, the second of which he earned the confidence of
14 three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the
15 50 states in the general election, a record unsurpassed in the
16 history of American presidential elections; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated
18 President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by
19 rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

20 WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency he worked in a
21 bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring
22 accountability and common sense to government which led to an
23 unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions
24 of Americans; and

25 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces
26 contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values
27 and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's
28 Armed Forces to meet 21st Century challenges; and

29 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through

1 strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate
2 demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for
3 millions of people; and

4 WHEREAS, February 6, 2005 will be the 94th anniversary of
5 Ronald Reagan's birth and the first since his passing;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim and recognize February 6,
10 2005 and subsequent yearly anniversaries thereafter as "Ronald
11 Reagan Day" and urge all the citizens of Illinois to take
12 cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its
13 observance.